



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1330

parent-child relationship; termination; petition

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pancrazi, LD 4

DP Committee on Children and Family Affairs

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OVERVIEW

SB 1330 permits the county attorney to prepare a petition to terminate the parent-child relationship and act as attorney without expense to the prospective adoptive parent.

PROVISIONS

1. Permits the county attorney to prepare a petition to terminate the parent-child relationship and act as attorney without expense to the prospective adoptive parent.

CURRENT LAW

A.R.S. § 8-127 states that the county attorney of the county in which the prospective adoptive parent resides, or, if applicable, the county where the child is a ward of the court, on application of the person or persons seeking adoption, must prepare the adoption petition and act as attorney without expense to the prospective adoptive parent. If an adoption is made through an adoption agency, the agency must prepare the petition for adoption and must submit it to the county attorney. If the petition is contested the county attorney, with the consent of the court, may withdraw from further representation of any party to the proceeding and prospective adoptive parent must employ counsel.